

Egremont Board of Health
November 19, 2020, 10:00 am
Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Charles Ogden, Chairman, Dr. William Rose, Ellen Maggio

Recording: Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. The minutes from the November 5, 2020 meeting were adopted with corrections (3-0).
- 2) **Straher/24 Lakeside** The board discussed the property owner's future plan to build a home on the lot where the current structure resides, which explains why he may have delayed the removal of the structure. Director Haas mentioned contacting the Egremont Conservation Commission to see if the lot is even buildable from a wetlands perspective. Dr. Rose suggested that whether the property is buildable or not is not the BOH's main concern – the main concern is the removal of a structure which is falling down, a public nuisance and a threat to public health and safety. It was decided that Director Haas will discuss the matter with both Town Counsel and the Building Inspector to see what the ramifications of the Town condemning the structure might be.
- 3) **John Andrews/Hillsdale Road** Director Haas read an email from the Water Operator serving this Public Water Supply (PWS) stating the well has been chlorine shocked. Future tests showing no presence of bacteria must be performed before MassDEP will rescind their Boil Order.
- 4) **Recent Field Work:**
 - Title 5/12 Creamery Road/Juliette/pass
 - Title 5/14 Sheffield Road/Ed/pass
 - Title 5/76 Boice Road/Ed/pass
 - Title 5/91 Hillsdale Road/Ed/fail
- 5) **Soule/13 Baldwin Hill East** Septic plans for new construction for a new home were submitted by Kelly, Granger and Parsons. Based on Director Haas' review, board approved (3-0) the plans.
- 6) **Alden/103 Hillsdale Road** Septic plans for an upgraded septic system were submitted by Kelly, Granger and Parsons. Director Haas explained her review of the plans and the system details. The board approved (3-0) the request for a Local Upgrade Approval (LUA) of a one foot reduction to estimated seasonal high groundwater under maximum feasible compliance.
- 7) **COVID19**
 - Infection rate surge in both state and county
 - The Barn has not submitted any reopening plans for their performance space
 - Director Haas sent out an email on NeighborNet and EgremontPosts with the current NY State travel advisory and guidance – the office has received multiple inquiries on this topic
 - Future topics for public information – where to get tested, information on mental health support
- 8) **98 Baldwin Hill South** New homeowner has submitted a letter to the EBOH stating she will upgrade her current septic system within 12 months as she is adding an additional bedroom to the system load. The board will revisit this next spring.
- 9) Meeting adjourned 11:00 am. The next meeting will be December 3, 2020 at 10:00 am.

Approved 12/3/2020
JSHAas